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chairman's message

IT COMES lunch hour on Tuesday the 15th June, 1976. I sit at my chair in the Committee Room to pen my epistle. Down stairs all is hustle and bustle for yesterday was the Queen's Birthday Holiday and two days settling must be attended between punters and bookmakers.

On the second floor there is much ado for it is the day when the Calcutta Auction for the Snooker Tournament is to take place.

The third floor is all agog because it is the last month of the swimming season and so many competitors still have a chance to win the "Silver Sharpe" trophy presented annually by the evergreen (Easts to Win) Tony McSweeney.

I answer the telephone — it is Mrs. Tidmarsh, "Red", as she is known to all her friends — "Jim" she said, "Les has just passed away."

I now sit in my chair and look at the vacant seat on my right occupied by Les Tidmarsh as Committeeman for the past 18 years.

I remember him plainly as if he were still sitting there.

A man who did not allow his honesty and blunt sense of duty to triumph over his abundant and charming fund of humour.

Les was popular among his fellow men and the admiration he evoked was similar to that inspired by those sturdy pioneers, now fast disappearing who by their very example lead others to emulate them.

"Kindness in another's trouble, courage in your own" might well have been written of him.

Always glad to lend a helping hand to assist his more unfortunate fellow creature, Les was steadfast, charitable and kind hearted. His sporting life was a continual remembrance of our Club's Motto, "*honor et Amicitia*" (Honour and Friendship). Vale Les Tidmarsh.

The Dining Room opened on Friday 19th June and by the time you have read this magazine I trust you will have enjoyed our tasty meals and the new decor. We have done our best, if it is not good enough don't hesitate to tell me. The reply "Any fool can find fault" seems to be a fool's reply. If it had not been for some unpopular, disgruntled, cave-dweller, I should today be living in a cave gnawing the bone of some strange beast.

The Snooker Tournament commenced on our new table on Monday 21 June. According to Eddie Charlton this table is now the equal to any in the world. I suppose when the tournament is over only one member will agree with Eddie and that will be the winner. However, this is only part of your Committee's policy to up-date and maintain the traditions of our Club.

The policy of your Committee to encourage use of the Club banquets, weddings, etc. We opened with the celebration reception of the wedding of Robyn Catherine Gillespie and David Ulric Arnott. Robyn is the daughter of member Bruce Gillespie and his good wife Mary. May God's blessing be with the young newly weds.

The Annual Meeting has come and gone. The creation of a new membership known as Country, Interstate and Overseas Members was carried unanimously.

Mr. P.W. McGrath was elected Treasurer, congratulations, Peter.

I paid tribute at the Meeting to the invaluable work performed by our former Treasurer, Brian Osborne, and to his loyalty and co-operation to me personally as Chairman.

The *sitting* members of the Committee were elected to office without *standing* for re-election. I am always amused when election for Parliament comes around and I receive a printed exhortation to vote for Joe Blow Your Sitting Member. The pamphlet then proceeds to set out everything Joe stands for.

May I express my appreciation and gratitude to those 68 members who braved the cold chilly winter night to attend our Meeting. However, let us be practical. It was a poor effort to have only 68 out of 4,200 members turn up. I daily remember those terrible scathing lines of R.L. Stevenson:

"Here lies a man who never did
Anything but what he was bid;
Who loved his life in paltry ease,
And died of commonplace disease."

With every good wish,

J.V. Comans, Chairman.

ANNUAL MEETING

As is the case with successful companies, organisations, and clubs, progress can be calculated by the brevity or otherwise of the annual meeting.

The 1976 Tattersall's meeting despatched all business and adjourned in 50 minutes flat and there was an attendance of only 68.

Contributing factors were the able chairmanship by Jim Comans, the business-like presentation of agenda items by secretary Peter Cameron, and a report which reflected great credit to the committee's efforts — they were all elected unopposed.

The Chairman said that though item one was "Welcome" it was not necessary as "Tattersall's is your home, gentlemen, and you don't need a welcome to your own home".

As the 1975 meeting the Chairman had predicted that there would be no levies, but the Club would be kept on an even keel by "blood, sweat, and toil".

This had happened, and where many clubs had existed only by amalgamating, and others with big deficits, Tattersall's Club had not only survived the testing time, but had preserved all facilities and emerged with a credit of \$16,228.

NEW TREASURER

The result of the ballot for Treasurer was :—

Brian G. Osborne 473 Peter W. McGrath 994

In acknowledging his success Peter said he felt like the Irish station master in reporting by telegram a train derailment.

Peter had formerly been treasurer, then defeated last year, and now re-elected, which was synonymous with the wire "On again, off again, on again, Flanagan".

A notice of motion was submitted which effectively meant that country, interstate and overseas members would be entitled to reduced fees, ie., Entrance fee \$90, Annual subscription \$75.

This was unanimously carried, and endorsed at a special general meeting.

FEW WORDS

Under general business a variety of topics was discussed ranging from food standards to the swimming pool attire, and those having "just a few words" included Lou Silk, John Dawson, Arthur O'Connor, Frank Roberts, David Halliday, Norm Rogers, Charlie Robinson, Geoff Eastment, Barney Fay, Wm. Allen, Ian Faircloth and Max Glasheen.

ANOTHER BRILLIANT CAPTION

Dr. Jim Taylor, reticent war hero and regular Tattersall's visitor is also a great authority on the sporting greats of yesterday. Whether it be the horses, and he was a "modest owner", football or cricket or most other sports he can recall achievements.

Conversation centred on those who were champions in both cricket and football.

Jim nominated International Johnny Taylor, dashing batsman, fieldsman and Rugby Union five eight.

And so inevitably the similarity of names was mentioned — but there was no relationship.

However, Dr. Jim spoke of a caption gem that for alliteration would certainly take some beating.

In the grade cricket competition, University was playing Waverley.

Dashing Johnny Taylor with Uni. knocked the bowling all round the pickets, but unfortunately one bowler, Comber of Waverley, was devastating and knocked over the last five wickets.

Now Comber by profession was a tailor.

And next day great journalist of his time, Morrie McCarthy ran the caption: "A tale of a tail, Taylor and a tailor."

BANK'S \$5,000 TO VICTIMS

The Bank of New South Wales made an immediate donation of \$5,000 to the Italian earthquake relief appeal.

Tattersall's member, the bank's chief general manager, Sir Robert Norman, said the Wales was very conscious of the devastation and suffering caused by the earthquake and was anxious to help those afflicted.

COVER STORY Struck the Double

Well known member Charles Bingham and his wife Dorothy, "Struck the Double" a couple of weeks ago with their Australian Champion Irish Setter O'Toole "Mike Lad", by winning two "Best exhibit in Show Awards" in one weekend. At Mendooran Dog Show on the Saturday and then at the Gilgandra All Breeds' Dog Show on the Sunday.

Charles and Dorothy breed thoroughbred Irish Setters and this achievement is somewhat of a record for the breed and for the Guinness Book.

Congratulations — Charles and Dorothy.

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RACING CALENDAR

JULY

Sydney Turf Club Wednesday 21st (Canterbury)
Australian Jockey Club . . . Saturday 24th (Randwick)
Sydney Turf Club Wednesday 28th (Canterbury)
Sydney Turf Club Saturday 31st (Rosehill)

AUGUST

†Australian Jockey Club . . . Monday 2nd (Randwick)
Sydney Turf Club Wednesday 4th (Rosehill)
Sydney Turf Club Saturday 7th (Canterbury)
Australian Jockey Club . . . Wednesday 11th (Randwick)
Sydney Turf Club Saturday 14th (Rosehill)
Sydney Turf Club Wednesday 18th (Canterbury)
Australian Jockey Club . . . Saturday 21st (Warwick Farm)
Australian Jockey Club . . . Wednesday 25th (Randwick)
Australian Jockey Club . . . Saturday 28th (Warwick Farm)
†(Bank Holiday Meeting)

SEPTEMBER

Sydney Turf Club Wednesday 1st (Rosehill)
Sydney Turf Club Saturday 4th (Canterbury)
Sydney Turf Club Wednesday 8th (Canterbury)
Tattersall's Club Saturday 11th (Randwick)
Sydney Turf Club Wednesday 15th (Canterbury)
Sydney Turf Club Saturday 18th (Rosehill)

AJC COMMITTEE

Two Tattersall's members contested the Committee vacancy on the AJC — Alec Rofe defeating Don Storey.

Both are solicitors and have a life association with the Turf.

Alec owns the two year old Possession, a yearling he has named Cream Puff, three broodmares and has shares in two stallions.

He also raced Emblem in company with Frank McCure and owned Topmost which he later sold to Don Storey and Tom Flynn.

And it was also Alec who seconded Don as an STC member and of which Don is now a Director.

WINING, DINING & SOCIAL

Bill Band and party of ten entertained visiting English actor Trevor Howard — a great cricket enthusiast.

Seated next to Bill's daughter was the one and only Keith Miller of Test fame.

Just to keep up the pace of the party, Bill's beautiful daughter queried Keith with "Are you interested in cricket, Mr. Miller?"

A true bouncer!

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Dr. L.A. Feain never got tired of saying "Many happy returns".

There were four family birthdays celebrated and also wishes for a successful holiday in Fiji — only with dad, mum, and 19 teenagers.

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Marie and Bill Dunn gave farewell to John Dunn who left for a spell of work in Germany, to be followed by the grand European tour. Adding great pleasure to the evening were John and Judy Elvy, and Robyn and Rob Williamson — as Bill said "If they were late for breakfast and you called out for Rob you wouldn't know which one would come".

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Senior Member Bill Garnsey about again after sojourn in Concord Repat.

Recuperated at daughter's home in Wagga Wagga and as son Jim reports "He is as fit as a fiddle".

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The Warren Wilsons had a great time in celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. The party included Mr & Mrs Bruce Allen, Mr & Mrs Colin George, Gordon Symons, Mr & Mrs Keith McEnally, Mrs Heather Steer, David Stephenson, Jan Speight, and former Australian surf champion Bob Johnson.

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Albert Crocker and his wife had a grand time at their home in May last when son Leigh married a Canadian lass, Elizabeth Bowman.

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Colin and Marge Buchan celebrated the engagement of their daughter Victoria Anne to Shane Maguire at the opening of the newly decorated Dining Room. Very special guests at the dinner were Mrs. Marie White of Bellevue Hill, Victoria's godmother, and Mrs. Veronica Maguire, mother of Shane. Both Victoria and Shane are in journalism with the News Limited and are planning a trip to Canada. The party was particularly impressed by the new decor and entertainment.

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GOUPMET CORNER

by Peter Cameron

Chef Danny's suggestion:

CHILLI CON CARNE

INGREDIENTS:

750 g (1½ lbs.) Blade Steak
2 tablespoons peanut oil
1 large onion
1 clove of garlic
250 g (½ lb.) ripe tomatoes
1 pt. (600 m.) water
½ cup dry red wine
1 bay leaf
salt
315 g (10 oz.) can red kidney beans

METHOD:

Cut trimmed meat into 1 inch cubes. Heat oil in a pan and brown the meat lightly. Peel and chop onions, crush garlic, add to the meat and cook for another few minutes. Chop tomatoes finely, blend with chilli powder, wine, water, salt and bayleaf. Bring the lot to boil, then simmer uncovered until the meat is tender and the liquid reduced (approx. 1-½ hours). Now add the can of beans and continue to simmer for a few more minutes. Do not add the beans liquid if the meat sauce is too thin.

Serve with boiled rice.

This is an ideal and an easy dish for the winter months.

Chef George's suggestion:

PAPRIKA CHICKEN

INGREDIENTS:

1 No. 15 Chicken
1/3 cup of plain flour
1 tablespoon of Paprika Powder
½ cup of sour cream
1 green capsicum
1 tomato
salt
1 large onion
oil for frying

METHOD:

Wash, and cut up chicken into portions. Cut onions fine and fry in oil until golden brown, add paprika powder mix and add some water. Put salted chicken pieces, capsicum (cut small strips) and chopped tomatoes into the onion mixture cover port and simmer slowly till half cooked. Turn round from time to time add a little water. Not to cook in the water but in the steam only. When half cooked let the water boil away. Mix the sour cream, flour to a smooth mixture (add a little water if necessary), mix this with the chicken, if thick add more water. Simmer again till tender. Add some cream if you wish.

Serve with macaroni.

WINES OF THE MONTH

The recently selected vintage wines presented in the May/June issue of the Club Magazine are being continued for the July/August period.

A great response to these wines has been received from our members, particularly since it was announced that the individual wine of your choice may be purchased separately from the pack issue, in half dozen or dozen lots whilst stocks remain available.

So to refresh your memory, to the current issue, the selection of the six wine pack includes two white and four reds made up of:-

ORLANDO BLUE RIBBON SPAETLESE FRONTIGNAN VINTAGE 1974

A very fruity delicate spaetlese with a most pronounced aromatic Frontignan bouquet finishing refreshingly sweet and crisp. Ideal with sweet dishes and fruit.

LINDEMAN'S HUNTER RIVER CHABLIS 1970 BIN 3875

A light well balanced and quiet wine with an appealing clean rather firm acid finish of the Chablis style.

PENFOLDS ST. HENRI CLARET 1972

Wine of distinction, with elegant fruit, good perfume and finish.

LEO BURING'S CABERNET SAUVIGNON 1966 BIN DR217

A big full flavoured wine of deep red colour with a full bodied palate and clear tannin finish.

TYRRELL'S HUNTER RIVER DRY RED 1968 VAT 14

A medium bodied wine with a soft and delicate flavour and of good bottle age.

SALTRAM'S MAMRE BROOK CABERNET SAUVIGNON SHIRAZ 1969

3 years of maturation in large oak casks. Bottled 1973. This wine shows a good wood balance with strong Cabernet Sauvignon character.

These wines will be available also for members to try through our Wine List as the "Cellarmaster's Suggestions."

Tattersall's Club Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Members of the Club will be held in the Club Room on Wednesday 18th August, 1976 at 1.45 p.m.

BUSINESS:

Because of the death of Committeeman L.I. Tidmarsh and pursuant to Rule 44 "Casual Vacancy" to elect a Member to serve on the Committee for the remaining period of the current year.

NOTE:

- (a) Nominations to the vacant office will be received by the Secretary up to Wednesday, 4th August, 1976, 1.45 P.M.
- (b) Nominations must be signed by two Members and have the written consent of the Nominee endorsed thereon.

OBITUARIES

P.W. Eldering	
Elected 30/5/66	Died late 75
N.E. Jones	
Elected 1/7/57	Died March 76
Sir Leslie Hooker	
Elected 15/5/39	Died 24/4/76
G.R. MacKenzie	
Elected 7/8/64	Died 16/5/76
Coleman J. Davis	
Elected 2/3/53	Died 17/5/76
E.T. Bray	
Elected 24/9/62	Died 31/5/76
L.I. Tidmarsh (Committeeman)	
Elected 13/3/50	Died 15/5/76

SUCCINCT

New NSW Government ministry led in the Lower House by Tattersall's members Neville Wran QC and in the Upper House by another Club colleague D. Paul Landa DAVE TARRANT upset over accident which resulted in the death of former galloper Swift Field which Dave had presented to the Police Department at the end of its racing career . . . no more will he stand on the corner and watch the girls go by . . . IAN FAIRCLOTH buys 80 cigarettes a day, smokes 60, says his wife Lorna is a heavy smoker but a light buyer . . . MAX SERNACK had a term in Gloucester House, R.P.A.H. — kept up his punting prowess through the good oil from SAM BLOCK . . . great hospital visitor is Sam, purveys the local news and has tons of tips . . . International Pharmaceutical Society meetings at Dublin, and Badgasterin (Austria) . . . "Fountain of Youth" . . . serves purpose for visits by Irene and KEVIN FAY . . . MOLLIE and ROD O'LOAN overseas six weeks — no Eastern ports missed in interesting itinerary . . . VIC VADAS Epicurean Chief discounts food and wine attraction for the more purposeful "Just to be with you" . . . BOB SWINBOURNE only facetious in after dinner few words "Stick to your ports and stagger to your cars" . . . BILL SELLEN'S petite wife carries the attractive name of NARELLE . . . a family name? . . . no, mum happened to be reading a book at the time and the heroine was another Narelle . . . new medical term used by GEOFF EASTMENT for a not unusual state self administered by most of us — "An extended state of exhaustion" . . . at the Savage Club meeting one artist said "I'd like to start with a drinking song" to which STAN PITKETHLEY murmured "Nothing could be more appropriate" . . . COMMANDER MOYES 90 year old Antarctica explorer explained his walk "I'm like a duck with chilblains" . . . MEL LAWTON with news from the East that in a particular event the race stewards swapped every jockey on each horse . . . Swapping instead of Swabbing . . . HARRY ROWELL 43 years Tattersall's auditor now retired joined Kogarah Golf Club fifteen months ago but has not yet played — says will start in July and play every day from then on . . . that's what he thinks . . . overseas shortly NORM BURSTON with

PRIVATE FUNCTION BOOKINGS

A selection of a variety of menus is now available for members wishing to hold private functions within the Club. These comprehensive menus at reasonable cost, will cover members' needs to cater for small, medium or large functions.

To assist members in their selection, the Secretary will be only too happy to discuss your requirements. All bookings should be directed to the General Office and by contacting the Secretary's Private Secretary appointments can be arranged.

promises of his experiences for readers of Tattersall's Club magazine . . . JACK DOW owning up to 80 years proved a most gracious host to his daughter, Grace Kathleen Campbell, all the way from dear old Edinburgh, on holidays.

SITUATIONS VACANT

WANTED — ONE JIB HAND

As regular crewman Norm Burston is to be resident in Paris, (sure to be a regular at the Folies Bergiere) for the next two years, John Rush, owner-skipper of yacht Poco Loco is short of a crew.

John sails on Wednesday and Saturdays and such Tattersall's stalwarts as Bill Band, Ian Faircloth and Ken Brown often accompany him.

"Poco Loco" is Mexican for "Plum Crazy", which, of course applies to the boat not to the skipper, who is more affectionately known in a howling southerly as "Captain Bligh".

THE RACING GAME

Max Borthwick, Newcastle Jockey Club committee man and prominent Forster identity, has about six horses in training at Newcastle.

He told of a former experience when he had "El Geisha" being trained by Sydney's Tommy Kennedy.

The horse had a great potential but was badly mouthed and would not respond when on corners.

Tommy advised Max to get rid of the horse because, as much as he persevered, he could not get results.

Max thought otherwise, and Tommy's retort was "Well O.K., you've got the money, I've got the patience."

FAMILY AFFAIR

Jack Mandel is father in law of Horace Abbott and grandfather of Sharyn and Adrian Abbott.

Jack and Horace race Our Sharyn so when Our Sharyn recently won at Canterbury it was really a family affair.

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CLUB TALK

FLAT OUT WITH FLATHEAD

Old S.G.S. boy Ian Buckle has made sure that the bond has been strengthened because of his sons, 22, 19, 16, also wore the boater hat.

Ian's main interest in the relaxation sphere is sailing and fishing.

His father, Lex, owned the Josephine, a 50 footer, and Ian from his earliest days knew all about jibs and spinnakers.

He recollects Governor Lord Gowrie electing Josephine as the yacht he liked "mostest".

All the Buckles were well shone to greet His Excellency who promptly told them to dispense with their collars and ties, and said Ian, "that afternoon is a memory I will always retain".

Ian joined the Navy when he was 17 on the Tribal destroyer Arunta.

He returned to the stocks and shares business, but claims he knows more about the choicest flathead grounds on the coast.

And his net hands frequently include Ken McFarlane, Earle Bastion, Ron Moore and Len Plasto.

EXPERT ADVICE

One of our most loyal N.Z. members is horse trainer cum racing correspondent Frank Wilson.

On Sydney Cup Day and prior to his friend Dave O'Sullivan, trainer of ultimate Cup winner Oopik saddling up, the two recalled nostalgic experiences.

An important occasion was when Frank was struggling for recognition and started Fair Eliza in the N.Z. Oaks.

The jockey was Dave O'Sullivan.

Frank told the jockey how important it was to even fill a place.

After the race when the filly was unplaced, disconsolate Frank spoke only two words to Dave — they were "Go Training".

Dave took him at his word, never rode in another race, took up training, and now is in the first rank in NZ as witness Oopik.

EXTRA POCKET AND CUE

Visit the billiard tables on the second floor under the watchful gaze of that great painting of Tom Powell, and you can bet tens on that seated beneath is Tom and his inseparable pal, Norm Jacobs.

Nary a movement on the tables escape their alert attention.

In their gossiping moments Jack Mann says they told a story which appealed and sent great shrieks of merriment from the adjoining seat where sat Arthur Miller and Sid Lane.

It appears that in a suburban doctor's surgery the patients were squeezed to the doors, and some were waiting on the verandah.

Suddenly a chap broke through the cordon, rudely thrust everybody aside, and boldly forced through the closed doctor's door.

"What do you want?" the harassed, startled, and annoyed doctor yelled.

Said the would be patient "Doc., what'll I do. I've swallowed a billiard ball!"

Scolded the doctor "Go out and get on the end of the queue".

NO CHANGE NO CHALLENGE

Prominent Tattersall's yachtsman Jim Hardy, whose determination to win the America's Cup is almost an obsession, was bitterly disappointed when the Royal Sydney Yacht Squad withdrew the challenge on behalf of his Matilda Syndicate.

The decision was inevitable.

Jim's idea was for the public to subscribe so that the yacht would be really a 'people's boat'.

Jim and fellow syndicate heads were just unable to raise enough of the \$1.5 million needed to enable even design testing to begin.

Jim skippered Gretel in the 1970 challenge and Southern Cross in 1974.

"It is a pity" said Jim "I really felt that the concept was there for a 'people's boat'".

"The support was apparent but the financial response was just not there".

DEADWOOD DICK

On the convivial meeting corner on the first floor, serviced by Helen, there were David Watts, John Rush, Morton Brewster, Norman Burston, Bill Band and Ossie Bates.

The story came around that recently David Watts, crack pistol shot, was in Adelaide for a big shoot.

400 people attended at the dinner before despatching David off to Sydney by air by way of Melbourne. At Melbourne all travellers were closely scrutinized and it was found David had 12 pistols in his bag.

Coincidentally it was just at the time that the Victorian Club in Melbourne was "done over".

But David made Sydney safely.

BARRAMUNDI

Harold Menelaus and Frank Burns were entertaining visiting interstate managers, executives, and their wives, of Claude Neon, at a dinner in the Sportsman's Room recently, at which a set menu had been arranged.

Their man from far flung Perth, Col Glasson, when confronted with a beef dinner complained that he had ordered barramundi and was adamant that he should be served same.

Full credit to Tattersall's staff — a quick word in Chef's ear and a special barramundi meal appeared to the satisfaction of the complainant.

Imagine his embarrassment when later told that the fish he had made such a fuss of was his advance order for the following day at a lunchtime function at a suburban golf club!

THE CALCUTTA Drawing of Players

Gathered around the barrel for the drawing of players for the Calcutta sweep were Dr. Cyril Cummins whose long and exploratory arm drew the numbers. With him were Peter McGrath, Sid Lane and Bert Tonks.

Waiting and watching for the result of the draw were Claude Moore, A.V. Miller, Tony Miler, Graham Hurst, Tom Powell, Alec Rofe and Steph. Lowe.

Able penciller was Accountant Norm Smith.

What A Champion! — John Devitt

by Sam Block

Australia has been very fortunate in possessing a series of world ranking swimmers who have, on retirement, continued to devote their energies and expert tuition to the up and coming younger generation.

Such a one is John Devitt.

A member of Tattersall's since 1960, John as a junior broke the magic minute for 100 metres at the age of 15 years. In a brilliant career he won innumerable N.S.W., Australian and International titles, also was a member of the winning free style relay teams over 220 yards from 1955 — 1960 and winning teams over 440 yards medley relay 1955, 1957, 1958 and 1959.

In 1957 he won the 100 metres championship in 56.6 secs. again in 1958 in 55.9 and 1960 in 55.4 secs.

John captained all New South Wales and Australian teams from 1955 to 1960 including the Olympic teams in Melbourne and Rome.

In 1956 in Melbourne Olympics he won a silver medal in the 100 metres free style and a gold medal in the 4 x 200 medley relay. Shortly after in Brisbane he became world record holder for 100 metres in a time of 54.6 secs., a record which stood for some Commonwealth games. In Cardiff he won gold medals for 100 metres, 4 x 100 relay and 4 x 200 free style.

He later toured France and Japan taking both National Championships.

In 1960 in Rome John reached the ultimate in a magnificent career when he won the Gold Medal in the 100 metres free style and a bronze in the 4 x 200 relay, whereafter he retired.

Throughout his career he was coached by Tattersall's Club member and famous international coach Sam Herford.

John commenced his commercial career with Speedo in 1957 as a Sales Representative, later to become Public Relations Manager and from 1970 to 1974 European Manager.

Today John is an Associate Director of Speedo and Group Manager of International Operations.

With his wife Wendy they have four children, two girls and two boys; Carmel, Julie, Mark and Sean, and reside in Sydney's North Shore.

When time allows from his commercial activities and international travel John still finds time, although not as much as he would like, to visit Tattersall's, particularly the Third Floor where he held the Club Championships for nine consecutive years, 1960 to 1969.

He is also active in promoting and assisting amateur swimming at all levels.

For some years he was editor of the International Swimmer Magazine.

John feels that he has had a great deal from amateur swimming which has been repaid by his example as an ambassador, a jolly good mixer, modest winner and cheerful loser (not very often mind you).

John is the driving force behind an organisation known as S.O.S. Montreal.

The S.O.S. stands for "State Olympic Squad" perhaps it should also stand for "SAVE OUR SOULS" also "SAVE OUR SWIMMERS".

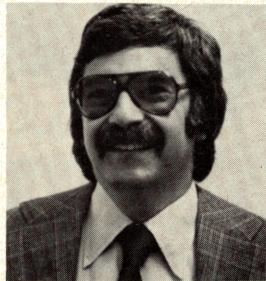
In association with John is Tattersall's own Terry Gathercole, the Olympic coach, and together we feel sure they will assist to restore Australian swimming to its previous high level.

Six years ago at a function I expressed on behalf of the boys on the Third Floor "To one of the finest sportsman and gentleman either at home or abroad". This sentiment is endorsed by all who have had the pleasure of associating with our champion — John Devitt.



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Pool Splashes

by Sam Block

**HUGH KELLER LANDS TONY
McSWEENEY'S SILVER SHARPE TROPHY**
**DOUG FERRIS TAKES OUT THE
TOM POWELL PRIZE**
**TED & IAN JOY WINNERS IN THE
JACK MANDEL FAMILY EVENT**

Racing in the Silver Sharpe Trophy has had the lads on their toes during the past couple of months with Tony Salier, Hugh Keller, Bill Debney, John Nicholas, Bill Hannan all battling for top honours, whilst Peter Joseph and Gordon Salier both making fast finishing efforts. When one realises that only ten points separated the first seven of the competitors and when Bill Debney hitting the front and looking the likely winner, then left on his honeymoon, thus giving the other lads the opportunity to catch up. Never mind Bill we'll see that you receive your just reward.

The event was won by Hugh Keller with a total of 175½ points from Peter Joseph 170½, Tony Salier 169½, Gordon Salier 168, Bill Debney 167, John Nicholas 164½ and Bill Hannan 158. The final placings were only decided in the last event of the series when Peter Joseph and Tony Salier trying for second place behind Philip Winn, giving Joseph a one point advantage over Salier.

Tom Powell Trophy

Doug Ferris's tally of 11½ in winning the Tom Powell Trophy for individual wins was a well merited effort as he has been handicapped on 18 and 19 for the whole season. The final scores in this event were Ferris 11½, Keller 10, Russell Debney 9½, Nicholas, Frawley, McLelland, Hannan and Bill Debney on 9.

Jack Mandel Family

The enthusiasm of those participating in the Jack Mandel Family Event, a series consisting of Brace Relays for fathers & sons, brothers etc., contested over 40 & 80 yards has made it one of the most popular affairs and this year was won by Ted and Ian Joy, a father and son combination from Jack (father) Russell and Bill Debney with George (father) and Martin McRoberts in Third Place.

Our Ted has not only reduced his handicap by ten seconds, a waistline of five inches, lost 30 lbs in weight, looks and feels ten years younger.

Months' Point Scores

Results of the three previous Monthly Point Scores were April R. Tobias 29, J. McClean 25½, K. Tickle 24½; May G. Salier 29½, W. Hannan 26, D. Jackson 25½; June

N. Heath 30, J. Langsworth 28½, A. McLelland 26½.

Records Come and Go

Breaking records is nothing new in Tattersall's Pool but when eleven out of twelve heat winners broke their times by more than a second or two in the last swim of the season it portrays the sportsmanship and enthusiasm of the participants.

Newcomers welcomed during the month were Bob Lamplough, Ron Matthews and Brian Chittenden.

Fast dashes by Ferris 17-9 and 18-1, Keller 18-7 and 19-2, Russell Debney 19-1, 19-4 and 20, Alan Brown 19-4, Hannan, Heath, Murray and Mortenson 20 and Tickle 20-4 and Tony Salier 20-6 highlighted the months swimming.

The past season must go down as the most successful in the 47 years existence of the Swimming Club. Fields have been consistently large, averaging 48 starters with the racing close and exciting. Club officials will take their usual three month's vacation preparing for their arduous duties for 1977.

Silver Share Trophy. *Presented by A.J. McSweeney.* 1st H. Keller 175½; 2nd P. Joseph 170½; 3rd T. Salier 169½; 4th G. Salier 168.

Tom Powell Trophy. 1st D. Ferris 11½; 2nd H. Keller 10; 3rd R. Debney 9½.

Family Event. *Presented by Jack Mandel.* 1st T. and I. Joy; 2nd B.J. and R. Debney; 3rd G. and M. McRoberts.

PARS

Up and dashing Bruce Upcroft has been appointed manager for N.S.W. of the Commonwealth Development Bank (no need for the writer to go short).

Genial Bryce Ross Jones has been sworn in as a Judge in the Family Court. Good luck Bryce following in the footsteps of the late Sir Leslie Herron, Dave Hunter and Judge Alf Rainbow who were zealous members of Tattersall's Swimming Club.

Tattersall's are being well catered for in the future, what with a son being born (Henry Victor) to Elizabeth and Bill Richards (a grandson to Vic) and Norma and Robert Tobias not to be outdone a son (Nicholas) grandson of Raymond.

Presentation to Olympic Coaches

A pleasant interlude on the Third Floor took place on Tuesday 11th May, when a presentation of Silver Hip Flasks were made to Terry Gathercole and Terry Buck on being selected as joint coaches to the Olympic Team in Montreal.

Chairman Jim Comans welcomed the large crowd present which included

trophy donor's Tony McSweeney and Jack Mandel, and then gracefully passed the honour of making the presentation to past World and Club Champion John Devitt who handled the situation in his usual inimitable manner.

Tattersall's Club has a personal interest in one of the swimmers, co-captain Neil Rogers, son of popular Club member Norman, who will be representing in the 100 yards Freestyle and Butterfly events at Montreal.

Professor George Molnar registered his complaint to me that the temperature of the water was too cold.

He could only swim forty laps instead of his usual eighty.

Malcolm Stenning has finally taken the plunge with a lovely lass in Paris. He has decided to reduce his travelling expenses by marrying his lady in London on July 3rd and returning to Sydney.

RESULTS

20-4-76 80yds B. Relay 1st Final: R. Horne & N. Rogers, 2nd Final: M. Saunders & D. Wilson. Family Event: M. & R. Page. 27-4-76 40yds Hcp 1st Final: B. Lamplough, 2nd Final: K. Finn, 3rd Final: R. Horne, 4th Final: R. Debney, Family Event: G. & M. McRoberts.

4-5-76 80yds B. Relay 1st Final: R. Horne & G. Salier, 2nd Final: D. Barnett & J. Keating, 3rd Final: R. Tobias & B. Upcroft. Family Event I. & T. Joy.

11-5-76 40yds Hcp. 1st Final: S. Kay, 2nd Final: C. Coppa, 3rd Final: B. Debney. Family Event I. & T. Joy.

18-5-76 80yds B. Relay 1st Final: S. Heaton & A. Abbott, 2nd Final: G. Salier & P. Joseph.

25-5-76 40yds Hcp 1st Final: D. Jackson, 2nd Final: B. Mortenson, 3rd Final: G. Salier, 4th Final: J. Nicholas, 5th Final: W. Hannan. Family Event G. & M. McRoberts. 1-6-76 80yds B. Relay 1st Final: S. Heaton & B. Ross Jones, 2nd Final: N. Amy & N. Heath. Family Event C. & F.L. Bowes.

8-6-76 40yds Hcp 1st Final: D. Ferris, 2nd Final: C. Griffiths, 3rd Final: R. Debney. Family Event G. & M. McRoberts.

15-6-76 80yds Brace Relay 1st Final: S. Heaton & R. Debney, 2nd Final: F.L. Bowes & J. Langsworth. Family Event I. & T. Joy.

22-6-76 40yds Hcp 1st Final: N. Heath, 2nd Final: A. McLelland, 3rd Final: P. Winn. April Point Score Result: R. Tobias 29, J. McClean 25½, K. Tickle 24½, D. Castle 24½, J. Levy 22, N. Rogers 20, M. McCormack 20, F.L. Bowes 18, T. Patterson 18, R. Horne 18, M. Frawley 18, K. Finn 18½, R. Debney 17, J. Nicholas 17.

May Point Score Result: G. Salier 29½, W. Hannan 26, D. Jackson 25½, C. Coppa 25, B. Debney 25, J. Nicholas 20½, F.L. Bowes 20½, P. Joseph 19½, D. Bruce 19.

June Point Score Result: N. Heath 30, J. Langsworth 28½, A. McLelland 26½, R. Debney 25, C. Griffiths 24, P. Joseph 22½, H. Keller 22, S. Heaton 20½, D. Ferris 19½, T. Salier 19½, M. Frawley 19, C. Coppa 18½.

Silver Sharpe Trophy points for the season scores are: H. Keller 175½, P. Joseph 170½, T. Salier 169½, G. Salier 168, B. Debney 167, J. Nicholas 164½, W. Hannan 158, A. McLelland 145½, D. Dind 135½, N. Heath 135½, C. Coppa 134½, D. Ferris 134, T.J. Ward 133½.

HANDBALL NOTES

by Peter Ashby

CHAMPIONS EMERGE

The Tattersall's Club Championships are at an interesting stage with many finalists already decided.

Ray Hopkins, enjoying a successful run is to meet Michael O'Dea, ruling club champion in the final of the open singles.

Malcolm Fuller is an A Grade finalist with the winner of the Callaghan - Blakeman game his opponent.

The Moses - Sernack game in the B Grade will determine who plays John Reid in that final.

Club Championship

A delayed first round match which sportingly allowed some recovering time for Michael O'Dea's shoulder to heal following surgery ended in an easy victory for Mike against John Byrne.

John played his usual big hitting, accurate game but he was no match for Michael.

Quarter Finals

Charlie Robinson won an interesting game against Don Stait 31-22. Don was always in the game and the play was much closer than the score indicated.

Bob Lipman had the misfortune to meet Michael O'Dea in one of his most devastating moods. Although long rallies in the early stages seemed to indicate the game would be a replay of their clash two years earlier, which lasted for 1½ hours, this game was decided in 30 minutes. A very absorbing game saw Michael, from down 2-3, slowly forge to a commanding lead and finally win 31-19.

Semi Finals

The Charlie Robinson - Michael O'Dea semi produced none of the expected fireworks but it did reveal how a champion adapts to circumstances. Michael hit only 5 balls with his right hand and although Charlie hit more hard shots in this one game than in the past 6 months, Mike went on to what appeared on the surface as an easy win. From 8 all the score was called at 23-13. A final flurry of scoring by Charlie against a timing champ saw the final score giving Michael victory at 31-26.

Ken Glass and Ray Hopkins played

an open championship semi-final in the same spirit and with the same gay abandon that could be expected in a first round restricted handicap event.

Many games as good as this one have been played at Tattersall's and many more will be played but those lucky enough to watch this one won't soon forget it.

It was, of course, 31 up, and a total of 59 points were played but it required only 20 minutes to decide the winner.

Ken opened the serving and went straight to the lead, and after Ray's serve he still maintained a considerable lead. He was confident and he was playing for winners, wide angled, hard and fast, with his best shots on target and scoring points.

He kept the lead during the first half and when an accurate serving burst took him to a 20-15 advantage he seemed home.

Ray seemed indecisive and sluggish and with Ken immediately hitting his hopples Ray's task of playing himself into form was made extremely difficult.

However, play himself into form was just what he wanted, and just what he achieved. His shots became steadier, more accurate and then positively ferocious. One of the best big hitters from way back, some of Ray's hard drives repeatedly had Ken on all fours in his valiant attempts to keep the ball in play.

Ken led 21-19 then Ray levelled at 25 all then 26 all, but with Ray to serve and the lead 29-26 went on to a well merited 31-28 win. The final will be one worth watching! Don't miss it!

A Grade Quarter Finals

Rod Fisher had a great win over Bruce Upcroft. He led 4-1 but Bruce in a great fight back led 13-12. It was a point for point affair until 29' all when Rod won two points to move into the semis.

Semi Final

Malcolm Fuller, an experienced, cagey handball campaigner, was the first A Grader to win the right to contest the 1976 final.

Malcolm defeated Rod Fisher 31-27 in a game that saw Rod lead everywhere but at the finish. Malcolm, for years a hard man to beat in a competition game, did appear a certainty to figure in the final and would have to be considered the logical favourite for eventual victory.

Quarter Finals

A hard torrid match gave Bob Callaghan an A Grade finalist of recent years, victory over Wally Grey, 31-22.

Bob and Wally, a few years ago, faced each other in a B Grade final with a memorable victory concluding a great competitive year for Bob.

This quarter-final was a repeat performance. The game had everything for the spectator - great attack, grim defence, tremendous pressure and some remarkably accurate lollypopping when a player wanted a breather.

Wally went into an early lead and playing many varied shots lead 3-2 and 6-4 at the service changes.

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VALE

SIR LESLIE HOOKER

Sir Leslie Hooker, who died from a heart attack was a stalwart of the real estate industry in Australia.

The president of the Real Estate Institute of NSW, Mr. Neville Tucker, said "He was a champion of real estate and its cause for some 40 years".

"As a man, Sir Leslie was retiring and most humane. He always was conscious of the rights of the small man. His death is a sad loss".

He founded L.J. Hooker Ltd. in 1928 and the Hooker Corporation in 1958. He was chairman of the corporation from its foundation until 1974.

Sir Leslie was knighted in 1973.

He was a vice-president of Sydney Hospital Board and a director and life governor of the Royal NSW Institution for Deaf and Blind Children.

Besides being chairman of his investment corporation and L.J. Hooker Ltd. its fully-owned real estate subsidiary, he headed Rex Investments, hotel owners and land developers; Hooker-Rex, real-estate developers and home-builders; and Hooker Projects, prominent in highrise construction.

VALE

TOM KENNEDY SNR.

Tom Kennedy sadly reported the passing away of his dear father, Thomas, Senior, at the Concord Repat. Hospital. Aged 76, he was a Major in two wars, a retired bank officer and T.P.I.

All our condolences to you, Tom.

HERE WE ARE AGAIN

From time to time reference is made in Tattersall's Club magazine to our fellow prestigious institution, Sydney Hospital.

Tattersall's Club and the hospital have much in common, both enjoying long proud histories.

Sydney Hospital began with the arrival of the First Fleet in 1788.

In 1810, at the direction of Governor Lachlan Macquarie, work started on the building in Macquarie Street, Sydney, and it has been on the site ever since.

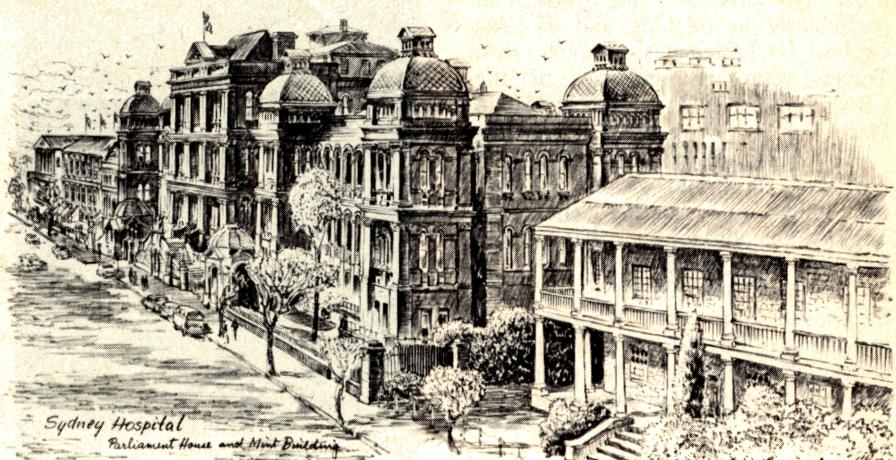
It was originally called the "Rum" Hospital because its cost was largely met by granting the building contractors a monopoly of the sale of 30,000 gallons of rum.

Tattersall's Club was established in 1888 and we, too, have carved a niche in the famous institutions of old and present Sydney.

Leading identities have been associated with both establishments.

Today, we have Dr. Fuzz Porter, President of Tattersall's Bowlers for the last 11 years, who was also Medical Superintendent of Sydney Hospital.

Our one and only Cedric Emanuel made his immortal sketch, here depicted, of the building erected in 1894, and the two side wings of the old Rum Hospital remain as the Mint Building and Parliament House – both



Cedric Emanuel's sketch of Sydney Hospital, Parliament House and Mint Building

preserved as historic buildings.

The brilliant and cultured Cedric is a regular in Tattersall's. His famous sketches claim world wide attention, and his talents are internationally sought.

Like another brilliant Tattersall's artist, Molnar, Cedric is humble about his attainments, and prefers to recall his outstanding effort as the night he wrestled "Gelignite Jack" Murray in the ring of the Rushcutter's Bay Stadium.

Which brings us to another link in the chain. Fuzz has a prominent bowler in Paul Madden, whose daughter, Anne,

has been on the staff of Sydney Hospital for the past five years.

In March she married electronic engineer Michael Leslie, and to the happy couple and Paul and his wife Kath we extend our congratulations.

As Chairman Jim Comans has said, "We cannot live in the past, nor can we foresee the future, but the present is what does tell".

Still history is a great establishment and we join with our compatriot Sydney Hospital in respecting the traditions that made Sydney Hospital and Tattersall's Club the grand features of present day Sydney.

THE GOOD OIL

Paying a courtesy visit was Brisbane Tattersall's President Claude Jacobs.

We congratulated Claude on his recent appointment as Committeeman of the B.A.T.C.

Claude was welcomed by a coterie of Sydney Tattersall's who have enjoyed the hospitality of the land of sunshine.

Included was Barney Fay, our ex-Treasurer, with 56 years continuous membership of Brisbane Tattersall's.

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From Nowra to now - Local lad makes good

Known and respected throughout most portions of the State, and particularly in banking and sporting circles, is Tattersall's member Ron Travers, currently manager of the CBA's senior N.S.W. branch at Martin Place.

Coincidentally Ron followed in the footsteps, or should we say the glass top table and leather chair, of Tattersall's colleague Jack Watson who retired in August 1974.

"Country boy makes good" is a hackneyed term used frequently in bygone days but it is a truism which is continually being irrefutably proved, and whether it be a halo or a gold medal one should be reserved for Ron Travers.

Ron was born at Nowra on the far South Coast and whilst still at Nowra High School played first grade football and cricket.

At 17 years of age he joined the PMG Dept., and transferred to Goulburn to learn all about dots and dashes as a telegraphist.

His cricket ability was soon recognised and he represented Combined Country versus Metropolitan.

Only 18 Ron was picked in the representative Southern Districts XI and a year later played with this side against Fred Brown's 1950 touring English team at Canberra.

The following year Ron was transferred to Sydney G.P.O.

From 1951 he played with Gordon Cricket Club, occasionally first grade, but mainly with the seconds in the capacity usually of opening bowler.

In the football sphere Ron played first grade R.U. with Parramatta and later reserve grade with Western Suburbs R.L.

In 1956, then aged 24, Ron took what was a mighty step and left the G.P.O. to join the CBA, an action which later was to be commended by the community, the bank and, of course, Ron.

He commenced at Mortdale and six years later was accountant at North Sydney, then moved on to Gosford.

In 1964 he was appointed manager to the new East Gosford branch and in 1968 transferred to Coffs Harbour.

In 1969 he was selected as Regional Manager of the Northern Division embracing 15 branches from Coffs Harbour, south to Taree, north to the Queensland border, west of Moree, Gunnedah, and Tamworth.

At the age of 38 Ron thus became the youngest CBA Regional Manager



Ron Travers

appointed in the State.

Along the promotional trail in 1971 the area of Ron's activities was moved to Illawarra and South Metropolitan. This involved 21 branches extending from Double Bay down to, of all places, Nowra, his birth place.

The local lad had certainly had a meteoric career culminating, at least for the present, with chief of prestigious Martin Place.

Ron is a member of Lions International and for 11 years, was associated with Gosford, Coffs Harbour and now Cronulla Clubs.

Ron keeps fit at Cronulla Golf Club, social squash, (he did play A grade at Gosford and Coffs Harbour), is a beach jogger, and surfs throughout the year both winter and summer.

Married to wife Anne it would seem that the main topic around the table must sooner or later centre on sport.

They have two sons, Michael (12) and David (9).

Anne is a keen golfer and on the committee of the Woollooware Golf Club.

The lads play cricket and soccer and are juvenile members, (Nippers), of the Elouera Surf Club.

Michael has reached the State titles twice swimming breaststroke and young David has already made his mark by winning the Metropolitan seven year old beach sprint championship. Also he has been a member of the Elouera team which has won the State relay title for the past four years, commencing as five year olds.

All along the line whilst seeking the data for this story a reticent and blushing Ron could only be prevailed to "spill the beans" because of another banking official and member of Tattersall's who is Ron's boon companion.

Now when you meet up with Ron Travers on the first oasis or other corners of the Club you can smilingly acclaim him as the local lad who made good.

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by Bas Phillips

The Snowy Mountains ski resorts have been having nightly temperatures below freezing point since early May and so the area is well prepared to receive and keep that beautiful white snow as it falls.

The first "real" falls started on 17th June and snow has fallen in varying quantities almost every day since.

A pre-season cocktail party was held in the Sportsman's Room at the Club on Tuesday, 5th June.

A very happy group attended.

President Bas Phillips praised the good work done by the Treasurer, Ken Finn and Secretary Russell Debney.

The party was entertained by the best "Hot Dogging" ski film any of the members had ever seen, thanks to the

generosity of Fleets Alpine services.

The Club staff excelled themselves with magnificent service and savouries which we all appreciate so much at Tattersall's.

Club stalwart George Andrews has moved to Jindabyne temporarily to supervise the building of a motel but as the snow gets thicker and drier it is expected that George will be tuned more to the slopes to practise in order to hold his title as our "most stylish" skier.

Now that a world handicap system has been formulated for skiers in much the same way as golfers are handicapped, we should get some interesting results towards the end of our stay, all arranged purely for the pleasure, fun and fellowship of the members.

Roslyn Lodge at Thredbo is our first venue this season where twenty-seven members went from 3rd to 10th July.

Like most ski clubs the group comprises ages from the teens to 60's all bitten by that inexplicable ski bug.

We boast some great skiers, from the World champion ski jumper to

expert langlaufers and alpine skiers and the group at Roslyn will include new beginners.

Roslyn is a beautiful lodge having a sauna, swimming pool, billiard room and 2 bedded rooms and has been made available to Tattersall's skiers through one of its members for which all are very thankful.

Susan Phillips has volunteered to be chef for 6 nights and has planned food and delicacies to delight and refresh.

We hope the next issue of the magazine will have some interesting photographs showing the activities of our members on the slopes.

The next ski club function is planned to be at Aurora in Perisher Valley in September.

Anyone wishing to come should forward their cheque for \$30.00 deposit immediately as only 14 can be accommodated at that time.

"Aurora" is one of the best lodges in Australia and we are grateful to Club member Henry Cain for making it available to us.

So don't be disappointed — first in first served has to be our motto.

Good skiing!

BOWLS

What has happened to you?

by Fuzz Porter

I think the time has arrived for me as your President to make a personal appeal to all members of Tattersall's Bowling Club to make an effort to give your Club more support which has not been forthcoming for some considerable time in the past.

The Club founded in 1948 (28 years ago) had larger attendances at its games then than we have today.

I make this appeal as a desperate measure for I can foresee our Club withering on the vine unless we can obtain increased regular attendance at our weekly social competitive games.

Maybe you will laugh at this possibility but it could happen, and has happened.

I was closely associated with the Doctors' Bowling Club which started with a great flourish of trumpets some 16 years ago. For 10 years enthusiasm was the key note and then over the next 5 years the rot set in and with general apathy on the part of the members it went the way of all flesh and was no more.

I am not a pessimist but we could suffer the same fate if we do not improve things in the very near future.

In my 16 years with our Club I have seen over the past 5 years a gradual lessening of interest with general apathy becoming the order of the day.

Then we always had a weekly roll up of 30 members, but today we consider ourselves fortunate to collect

15 names and often less.

In truth there is only a small hard core of enthusiastic regulars who are keeping the Club afloat and usually things are left to a few worker bees.

Let us look at what has happened over the past few years.

Frantic efforts have had to be made to secure a bare quota for the Turf Bowlers' Annual Carnivals. This also applies to our games against our old friends, City Tattersall's.

It is nearly two years since the Club lost its Treasurer, the late Mark Barnett, and to date no one has come forward and offered to fill this important vacancy.

Everyone approached has shaken their heads — hard to believe but never the less true.

Attendances at the annual meeting of the Club have dwindled to the same old two dozen. Can all this be true?

It is still not very cheery or heartening to your President.

I know things generally have changed.

It is not as easy as it used to be to take the afternoon off and leave your business every Thursday, but an appearance now and then by all would help them considerably and right the ship once more, otherwise there is to my mind a chance that it could founder.

I once more appeal to all for added support and remember we still play every Thursday.

On May 6 the long awaited match against Newcastle Tattersall's was played. A welcome departure from custom was made when instead of Newcastle journeying to Sydney (we were hosts on this occasion) the match was played at the half way house, Gosford. The local club entertained both clubs in their spacious club house and President Bill Jackson made us all feel at home when we arrived.

It would seem that future fixtures between our two clubs will be played on the Central Coast.

Eighteen members made the trip although Jim Whyte and George Morrow had a good win (the best of the day) we went down with Newcastle in front 152 to 143.

This proved to be one of our happiest days for many a long time and Jack Freeman has promised he will see it repeated later in the year.

Unfortunately, the game against City Tattersall's was washed out in June.

Results:

Rose Bay, 20th May, L. Plasto, J.R. McKell; Double Bay, 27th May, H. Porter, W. Chamberlain; Double Bay, 3rd June, H. Owen, F. Hidden, E. Crittenden.

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Billiards & Snooker

by Arthur Miller

Outstanding efforts by the Club's Committee presages extra successful billiards and snooker tournaments.

A new table, with better provision for seating of spectators, has been installed on the site of the "old" card room on the second floor.

These innovations may lead to International events in the future.

Greater interest has also been evinced by the younger players and their entrance to the traditional tourneys.

With the Tom Powell special trophy, generous prizes, and the Calcutta on the Snooker handicap, patrons of the green blaize are being nicely catered.

Because of bi-monthly publication of the magazine my summary will naturally be a little delayed.

See you around the table near Tom Powell, Norm Jacobs, Sid Lane, George Mousally, "Digger" Lobb, Jack Muir and all the host of good fellows.

Results of the First Round as to date of publication:

Snooker

S.M. Adams defeated G. Mousally 104 - 40; S.J. Lane defeated R. Richards 99 - 78; N. Jacobs defeated G. Adams 98 - 86; N. Shehadie defeated J.P. O'Neill 98 - 89; W. Henneberry defeated P.L. Williams 94 - 56; E. Piekarski defeated N. C. White 81 - 56.

Billiards

R. Thorne defeated P.W. McGrath 250 - 210.

SWIMMING

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A crowd of interested spectators visited the pool for the Club's championships and who were well rewarded.

The championship heats had attracted a select field which included past champions John Devitt, Brian Mortenson, Roger Farrell and Denis Wilson. The finalists were Denis Wilson, David Ferris and Hugh Keller. The finalists hit the water simultaneously with Wilson forging to the front and drew away to win from Keller with Devitt and Ferris dead heating for third place. The all over times set an all time record.

Wilson had swum a pool record in the heat of 17.7 seconds.

The line up for the A Grade championship were Norman Rogers, David Barnes, Martin McRoberts and Ian Joye. The lads got away to a even start and swum stroke for stroke all the way with Barnett taking the honours from Martin McRoberts with Ian Joye in third place.

In the absence of the Chairman the writer welcomed donors Tom Powell and Tony McSweeney and past Club champions in a few well chosen words. Apologies received were Jim Comans, A.G. Collins (donor of the Championship trophy) and Jack Mandel (donor of the Family Event).

Results

Club Championship (Trophy presented by A.G. Collins)

1. Dennis Wilson, 2. Hugh Keller, 3. Dead Heat Doug Ferris and John Devitt.

Time 17.7 secs.

A Grade Championship (in Memorial to the Late Les Tidmarsh)

1. David Barnett, 2. Martin McRoberts, 3. Ian Joye, 4. Norman Rogers.

Time 21 seconds.

Max Sernack's great photos in next issue.

HANDBALL

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B Grade

John Reid proved too much of an obstacle for Tony and Doug Salier. After a close tussle John beat Tony 31-25 and then in the quarter finals beat Doug 31-20.

The John Reid - Peter Barnes semi-Final was an absorbing match. Peter's attempts to pass John without having mastered the uneven bound of the ball allowed John to maintain his lead for a close win.

A fine victory, 31-22, took Phil Moses into the semis at the expense of Richard Horne.

Next Magazine Notes

Your next notes on handball will include a full resume of the 1976 Tattersall's Plate and everything that occurred in the Tattersall's Championships. Events to follow are the novice championship and a handicap doubles event.

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